Shrimati Indira Gandhi attached great importance and even conducted an aerial survey to see the damage done by man to nature in this area. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is also under the consideration of the Government to declare this area as a no-polluting industry area whereby no licence would be given to an inductry which would be polluting in nature.

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: Sir, the Government of India, the Department of Environment has set up a special Doon Valley Board to take care of the ecology of that particular area and their sittings are there to take into account the industries which are coming up there and which are creating a pollution problem and an ecological problem. And we are very much concernmed about the ecology of that area.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 262 —Shri Natha Singh.

*262 **[The questioner (Shri Natha Singh) was absent. For answer, vide Cols. infra]**..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 263.

Report of the Sen Committe on reorganisation of foreign office.

*263. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the S. Sen Committeee on reorganisation of foreign office had submitted its report to Government in the year 1984;

(b) if so, what are the main finding of the Committee; and

(c) what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Several recommendations have been made covering recruitment, training, staffing, promotion, inspection, use of office machines, language specialisations, publicity, property, entertainment, etc. These recommendations are under consideration.

SHRI BHUVANESH CHATURVEDI: Sir, has the Sen Committee in any way highlighted the importance of shifting our attention to economic matters from purely political matters especially with those countries with whom we have no strategic problems? Secondly . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will have a second supplementary. Please sit down.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: Yes, Sir, the Sen Committee has emphasised the importance of concentrating on economic questions in our relations with foreign countries. This is, as a matter of fact, a shift which has taken place in the functioning if the Foreign Service quite some time ago. And special instructions have been given to Heads of Missions to concentrate greater attention on improving and developing economic relations with countries abroad, expanding our export trade and other economic aspects of India's interest.

SHRI BHUVANESH CHATURVEDI: Has it in any way affected our appointments of Ambassadors to these countries? And I would also like to know whether the Committee has made any suggestions for external publicity which by all accounts wants a greater reshaping.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: Yes, Sir, we do give importance in the selection of Ambassadors especially where economic work is important. For example, in our selection of Ambassador to Belgium and EEC we invariably select an economic expert. In the same way, not only that, an average Foreign Service Officer is expected to develop understanding and expertise in economic matters. In some of the major countries where economic questions are particularly crucial, we do give importance to theose who have some experience and understanding of the economic questions.

SHRI BHUVANESH CHATURVEDI: I asked about external publicity.

SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN: In regard to external publicity, the Sen Committee has made some recommendations. It has remarked that we have not been able to project the image of India successfully in foreign countries and they recommended streamlining of external publicity set-up. The Committee has also pointed out the merage funds allocated for publicity purposes abroad. And though the Report as a whole is still under sonsideration, we have given effect in an ad hoc manner to improving publicity set-up and in projecting the image of India as successfully as we possibly can in foreign countries.

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHAN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the answer given is very vague. The Committee, under Mr. S. Sen, our former permanent Representative at the U. N. had gone into the working of the Ministry of External Affairs in very great retail. However, Sir, I understand that large portions from the draft report were cut out, for whatever reason. Why I am asking this is because India's image abroad today is very high, particularly in the U.S. after our Prime Minister's visit and his address to the U.N. I was present seeing that there was a very good response not only from the 150 odd members of the United Nations but also in the U.S. itself India was talked about with great respect and our Prime Minister's visit did really have a very good impact in those countries. Therefore, Sir, I would like to know whether the Government has got a time-bound programme to implement the main points of this report after the Government has considered it and secondly, what specific steps does the Government contemplate taking for toning up the working of our embassies abroad? Sir, the hon. Minister in his reply to the second supplementary of Mr. Chaturvedi has said that some of the image-building is not up to the mark. Sir, the working of our embassies in many countries definitely requires pulling up. I would like to know what specific steps are contemplated to do this and in a time bound manner.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, first of all, I am not aware of any part of the report having been cut out. The report is a restricted report. It has not been published and it is not intended to be published. Secondly, Sir, about the image of India, what the hon. Memeber has said is quite correct. A major transformation in the image has taken place in a difficult country like the United States with regard to India and that has taken place as a result of crain major developments in India and their projection by the Prime Minister during his visit. This shows that the image of our country or of a country can be projected abroad especially from what happens, as a matter of fact, in our own country. This is a very complex country where our deficiencies...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: What are theose developments, which have improved the image?

SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN: Well, I am saying that the image of India abroad is partly a reflection of what happens in India. Ours is an open society. Everything is published in the Indian and foreign press. No Mission can really contradict those things successfully unless contradictions take place within India itself to improve that image. It is in this contect that we have to consider the projection of image abroad by our Missions and that is what I meant when I referred to major developments having taken place in this country. If this country remains united, if we make an impression of our going ahead, if we give the impression that we are advancing, then certainly immediately there is a better image of India abroad, which it is the business of our mission and diplomats to improve upon, to project successfull.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Sen Committee submitted the report in the year 1984. It is since one year the report has been received and we are told that the recommendations are still under consideration. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether a decision has been taken on any of the recommendations, and, if so, what are these decisions?

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, as far as the report in its totality is concerned, it is under consideration because the report ranges over a large number of important issues which require discussion and co-ordination with various other agencies and departments of the Government and, therefore, decision-taking takes some time. But *ad hoc* we have taken many decisions following the recommendations in the report and one of those, if I may say so, is the establishment of the Foreign Service. Training Institute, which was one of the important recommendations of the Sen Committee. This Institute has been established for training our diplomats and we are going to use it even for giving orientation courses for senior diplomats.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, main problems of foreign embassies seem to be the lack of resources, lack of proper personnel, manning various posts, and in particular, lack of effort to find suitable talent for various posts in foreign embassies. While talking of the last, there has been in the past a healthy tradition that while appointing ambassadors abroad, they should not only depend exclusively upon the career diplomats, but outside this category of diplomats very eminent publicmen were selected for various important embassies. May I know from the hon. Minister and the Prime Minister who is here, whether this healthy practice prevails, of appointing publicmen, good, respectable and talented publicmen to various important embassies?

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: The practice of appointing public men to important posts prevails. This has been the practice; actually certain quota has been allocated for this ...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: But they are not available.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: What is this quota?

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: It is six or seven per cent. It is the prerogative of the Prime Minister to appoint suitable publicmen he thinks suitable for a particular post, or required for a particular post, and that prerogative exists.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : मान्यवर, मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि सेन कमेटी की सिफारिशों पर विचार करने के लिए क्या कोई उप-समिति बनाई गई है ? यदि हां, तो किन किन लोगों को इसमें लिया गया है तथा निश्चित रूप से कब तक निर्णय ले लें ? यदि नहीं तो इन सिफारिशों पर किस तरह से अमल किया जा रहा है क्योंकि करीब करीब पौने दो साल हो चुके हैं। सेन कमेटी की रिपोर्ट को :

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: No sub-committee as such has been set up; but the report is being continuously examined in the Ministry, and also certain aspects of the recommendations are Cabinet Secretary and other Secretaries of the Government. As I said, not only this being examined in consultation with the report, there are various other ideas also of the Foreign Service. We are considefor improving the efficiency and functionsidering all these together and continuously.

SHRI P. BABUL REDDY: I read a report about the Indian Embassy in Japan which made me very sad. A Boeing belonging to the Japanese Airlines crashed killing a number of people...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, not relevant.

SHRI P. BABUL REDDY: In the first two sentences Sir, you say it is not relevant. What I am going to say is that there is total indifference because when the relatives of the victims went there, they wanted...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, not relevant. Next question.